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ISRAEL FROM UNGA AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

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GENEVA PASS TO MOYNIHAN

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE AGAIN, IF YOU DO NOT CONSIDER IT
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OVERKILL, AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, POSSIBILITY THAT

ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE 30TH UNGA
MAY ARISE AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, JULY 12-15.

2. HE SHOULD SAY WE CONTINUE TO HOPE REPORTS WE HAVE HEARD
THAT SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED THERE ARE INACCURATE BUT THE
POSSIBILITY CONCERNS US SUFFICIENTLY THAT WE WANTED TO
MAKE OUR VIEWS CLEAR IN ADVANCE OF MEETING.

3. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY HAVE BEEN USED IN EARLIER
DISCUSSION (REFTEL B.), BUT THEY ARE BEING USED IN DEMARCHES,
AS APPROPRIATE, TO RABAT, TUNIS, ALGIERS, CAIRO, AMMAN
AND DAMASCUS, AND YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON THEM. US STRONGLY
OPPOSED TO THE SUSPENSION OR EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND FOR THE
SAKE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS WELL AS FROM THE PRACTICAL
STANDPOINT THAT SUCH A MOVE MIGHT VIRTUALLY BRING TO A
HALT FURTHER NEGOTIATING EFFORTS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. THE US FEELS THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD NOT
EVEN COME BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IS CONCERNED LEST
INITIATIVES TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE COULD SET IN MOTION A
CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP OR
DIVERT. EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE EASY TO RESIST
PROPOSALS IN FAVOR OF SUCH A MOVE AT JIDDA, DOING SO WILL
BE A SMALL EFFORT COMPARED TO THE POLITICAL PRICE THAT
WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID TO STOP IT LATER. SOME MIGHT THINK
OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE AS A MANEUVERABLE PRESSURE DEVICE
BUT IT COULD WELL GET OUT OF THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO SHARE
OUR DESIRE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE PEACEFUL SEARCH FOR
A ME SETTLEMENT, AND INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO REJECT
THIS COURSE.

4. SHOULD IT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE GA, ISRAEL COULD WELL
ARGUE THAT IT WAS NO LONGER BOUND BY UN RESOLUTIONS,
INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 344 WHICH ARE, RESPECTIVELY,
THE AGREED BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

5. EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL, ACTION TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD UNDERCUT THOSE IN THE US AND
EUROPE, NOT TO MENTION THOSE IN ISRAEL, WHO ARE WORKING
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FROM THE PREMISE THAT LEADING ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE PRE-
PARED TO ACCEPT ISRAEL AND MAKE PEACE. PUBLIC REACTION
TO SUCH A MOVE IN THE WEST WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WEAKEN THE
UN, PERHAPS BEYOND REPAIR, WITHOUT MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION
TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST; IN REALITY
THE END RESULT WOULD MAKE ANY PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE
INFINITELY MORE DIFFICULT AND THE DRIFT TO WAR MUCH MORE
LIKELY.

6. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT AS HOST TO CONFERENCE AND
LEADING FORCE IN MOSLEM WORLD, THE SAUDI ARABIAN
GOVERNMENT COULD OBVIOUSLY BE A DETERMINING FACTOR IF
ISSUE SHOULD ARISE. YOU SHOULD STRESS OUR PARTICULAR
HOPE THAT SAUDIS WILL USE THEIR POTENTIAL FOR LEADERSHIP
ON THIS ISSUE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY THAT WILL AID THE
OVERALL NEGOTIATING PROCESS. INGERSOLL

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